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### **Mayor Wild Appoints Ethics Board and Announces Additional Appointments**

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**January 4, 2021** - Mayor William R. Wild is proud to announce that he has filled the five vacant positions on the City of Westland's Ethics Board. In addition, Mayor Wild has made changes to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission as a result of commissioner resignations and reappointed Roderick Curry to the Board of Review.

The Ethics Board consists of five (5) members that are appointed by the Mayor. Members serve a three (3) year term, except that of those first appointed, two shall serve for 3 years, two for 2 years, and one for 1 year. Members must reside in the City of Westland and current City Officials or employees are not eligible for appointment. The Board shall meet at least once each calendar quarter, and more frequently as it shall determine.

The purpose of the Ethics Board is to issue written opinions regarding ethical questions and to engage in activities, which will promote ethical behavior.

The newly appointed members of the Ethics Board are as follows:

**Lori Wilson** is a longtime resident and has served on the City of Westland's Planning Commission for more than 20 years. Wilson is a retiree of AM General LLC where she worked for 45 years as the configuration and Data Manager, working under Military contract in support of the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle STS Engineering Department.

**Michael Williams** is the President and CEO of Orchards Children's Services, Michigan's largest foster care and adoption agency. Williams is the former Mayor of Albion and has an extensive educational background, including a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, a program at Harvard University on strategic perspectives in non-profit management and a neighborhood builders program for leadership. Williams, a longtime resident, has served on the Planning Commission for more than 3 years.

**Daniel Stachow** has been a resident for more than 40 years. Stachow retired from General Motors after 44 years of employment. He is a Veteran and the President of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. Stachow has served on the City of Westland's

**Don Nicholson** has been a resident for more than 45 years. Nicholson has served on the City of Westland Parks & Recreation Advisory Council and the Disability Concerns Committee, where he served as Chairperson. Nicholson is the owner of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC. which has provided services to the Wayne-Westland communities for over 25 years. Nicholson was the City of Westland's 2015 Business Person of the Year. He is the Chairperson for the Westland Chamber of Commerce, President of Friends of Nankin Mills, winner of the Governor's Award for Tourism Partnership 2016 and each year brings us Cruisin' Hines, the Wayne Road Cruise and much more.

**Deborah Thomas** has an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Henry Ford Community College. Thomas currently works in Human Resources and has served as a Research Analyst for the U.S. Marshal Service.

Due to the resignations of commissioners Elnora Ford and Fabiola Sanchez Santos, the following changes have been made to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission. There is currently one Alternate vacancy on the DEI Commission due to these changes.

**Steven Thomas** has moved from serving as an alternate to serving a three year term.

**Ebonite Guyton** has also moved from serving as an alternate to serving a two year term.

**Sheree Conn (Alternate)** received her BA/MBA in General Business with her professional background being business management and civil construction. Sheree has served on the City of Westland Parks & Recreation Advisory Council and she is very active in the community and Wayne-Westland Community School District.

**Roderick Curry** has been reappointed to a three year term on the Board of Review. Mr. Curry has been a Westland resident for more than 30 years and served on the Local Development Finance Authority for 23 years.

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it

one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.